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Coin Clinic Starts NCW

Midwest Numismatic Association (ANA C37804), Kansas City, Mo., held its second annual Coin Clinic at the Ward Parkway Center to kick off National Coin Week activities April 19.

Members of the organization voted once again to promote the hobby of numismatics, however, not on a competitive basis this year. They feel that the interest created by their efforts put forth is well worth the time spent and all have hopes of the Coin Clinic becoming an annual event. Last year there was an estimated 40,000 who viewed the exhibits and listened to the educational programs throughout the day.

Again this year the admission to the public was free and members had an identification and evaluation clinic along with educational programs the entire day. They showed the film from the American Numismatic Association, "A Trip Through the Denver Mint," had approximately 50 exhibits (both U.S. and foreign) on display from members, and gave away over 2,000 free souvenirs, each with a coin attached.

The club celebrated their ninth anniversary earlier in the year. As part of the entertainment, student auctioneers from the local auctioneers' school conducted an auction. Their Sixth Annual Coin Show will be June 13-15. — Rosetta Thompson, president.

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The National Coin Week Committee of the American Numismatic Association and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations have announced that the two groups will work together and share a common theme for 1969. The FAO already had announced a worldwide coin issue theme based on food and agriculture; 1969 National Coin Week theme for ANA will be "Coins — Links in a Chain of Peace."

Since the coin plan was announced, more than two dozen nations have announced that such coins will be issued by them, an additional sixty have the proposal under different stages of consideration.

For those planning to display coins and currently for National Coin Week, it cannot be stressed enough that the tradition into which the theme and the FAO coin plan falls is open-ended, both ways. On the one end is the long series of agricultural coins and primitive food-money going back to the Greek world 2,500 years ago, on the other, the current FAO-inspired coins that will probably be re-issued with later dates.

The year-long effort will culminate during the week of Apr. 20 through Apr. 26, 1969, when various state and national proclamations will name that week National Coin Week.

Plans for promoting National Coin Week include numismatic displays, publicity through newspapers, radio and television, and service club programs. Details will be available very shortly and may be obtained from the National Coin Week Committee, ANA Headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.



Right, Gladys Robins, CCCC publicity chairman, put the finishing touches on their 10' x 4' giant National Coin week Poster.